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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications

24 March 1956

SUBJECT : Utilization of AACS Personnel

REFERENCES : A. Memorandum for Project Director, From Director of Communications, 5 March 1956, Subject: Proposal to Utilize AACS Personnel. (SAPC-4749)
B. Memorandum for Director of Administration, From Project Director, 22 March 1956, Subject: AACS Personnel (SAPC-4083)

1. I have carefully read your referenced memorandum, with which I concur, subject only to my understanding that none of the AACS personnel will be employed in positions which properly should be under the administrative control of either Detachment Commanders or Project Headquarters. My understanding of the arrangement is set forth in Reference B, copy of which is attached.

2. I understand that the next move will be an exploratory conversation by yourself with General Hale. In the meanwhile, as soon as my understanding of the arrangement is confirmed, we will advise Colonel Russell A. Berg, USAF Project Officer for this project, that we would like to explore this arrangement with AACS. Should he raise any objection, I would immediately advise you.

3. Following your conversations with General Hale, I would be interested to learn from you the details of any agreement that is mutually satisfactory, together with an outline of any support you feel the Project should properly provide in areas such as funds for travel and per diem associated with their participation in our behalf. I assume that your office will coordinate the projected arrangement with the Office of Security at the proper time. Mr. [REDACTED] Project Security Officer, is available for liaison on the security aspects of this problem at your convenience.

4. Although I concur in this arrangement and am most appreciative of your efforts to ensure proper support for this project, I do wish to raise again with you the question as to the wisdom of placing for a long period of time such a heavy requirement on the Air Force to provide trained personnel

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in support of an Agency operation. The question in my mind is the very fundamental one of whether this Agency should not staff and equip itself more nearly to stand on its own feet when it undertakes major new tasks.

5. I am well aware of the fact that several special projects which are currently active in the Agency have combined to place an especially heavy burden on the Office of Communications, and that these particular operations will not continue indefinitely. Under the circumstances, it would have been quite impossible for you to expand your staff rapidly enough to fill these extraordinary requirements without any help from the military services, and it might be unwise to expand it to this extent in view of the probably temporary requirements. Nevertheless, I am inclined to feel that the Agency should be taking steps which will make possible at least a substantial reduction in the use of AACS personnel as rapidly as suitable individuals can be recruited and trained to take their place. I am raising here a rather major issue of Agency policy which, of course, goes beyond the area of responsibility of any one office. I would like to suggest that at an appropriate time we discuss this matter with the Deputy Director (Support) and ascertain his views.

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Attachment:

Copy 4 of SAPC-4083

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1-Addressee (Gen. McClelland)

2-RMB Chrono

4-Dep. Pro. Dir.

5-Pro. Dir of Admin.

6-Pro. Commo Offr

7-Pro. Security Offr

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10-Pro. Reading

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